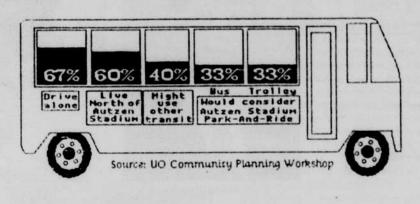
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University **Alternative Transportation Preference**



Graphic by Bob Wait

Survey results are based on about 1,200 responses from faculty, staff and students

PPPM conducts traffic survey

By Bob Waite **Emerald Reporter**

Would the University's parking snarl, the proposed parking garage on Alder Street, and the Ferry Street Bridge traffic jam problems be solved if campus commuters used the Autzen stadium parking lot?

The University Planning, Public Policy and Management Department sought to answer those questions by conducting a survey, and a transportation engineering consultant said the survey results may indicate some solutions.

PPPM researchers recently asked campus faculty, staff and students how they felt about using transportation means other than one person/one car to get to campus.

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"The whole purpose was to see if there was a market for alternative transportation." said David Povey, the PPPM professor who directed the sur-

Survey respondents were asked a variety of questions to see how they felt about alternative transportation methods, such as using the usually vacant 5,500 parking spaces at Autzen Stadium in conjunction with one of several shuttle op-

The most popular alternatives, linked with the Autzen parking lot, were using city buses to cross the Ferry Street Bridge, or rubber tired trolleys to cross a possible addition to the Autzen Foot Bridge, Povey said.

Povey said the University community contrib-

utes to traffic snarls on the Ferry Street Bridge, in addition to parking problems on campus.

Community groups interested in the study results were the City of Eugene, Lane Transit District and the University, Povey said.

"We're going to use the survey results," said Mike Weishar, transportation engineering consultant and former City of Eugene traffic engineer. who is doing Ferry Street Bridge transportation studies for the City of Eugene.

Government engineers and planners need to calculate the actual impact an Autzen Stadium park-and-ride system would have on the Ferry Street Bridge, Weishar said.

A successful park-and-ride program could mean fewer added bridge lanes, and significant construction cost savings to taxpayers, Weishar

The question is how many people who said they would consider using alternative transportation actually use it. Weishar said.

Given that the community north of the Willamette River is growing, and the proposed Riverfront Research park will contribute to traffic and parking congestion. Povey said it is important to begin to calculate the public's preference for alternative transportation.

A proposed parking garage on Alder Street would add much needed parking, but alternative transportation use would do the same thing without the cost, Povey said.

"The less I hear about a high rise parking structure on Alder Street, the better I feel," Povey said, adding PPPM researchers hope successful alternative transportation use will free proposed parking garage funds for other University needs.

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